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Dear Mr. Colby:

I would like to conduct with you a wide-ranging interview about the current state and future prospects of what one of your predecessors called "the craft of intelligence," to be published in TIME around the time of your departure from office. As envisioned by my editors and myself, the interview would be of a more philosophical and historical nature than interview you have granted us in the past, which, because of the press of breaking news, have necessarily focused more on the revelations or controversies of the moment. We would like to give you a chance to address questions such as how intelligence in general and the CIA in particular have changed during your career, and what role the Agency should play in the coming decade.

Depending on your schedule, I could conduct this interview during the first week in December or anytime in the month of January. We could hold up publication until a date you felt appropriate.

Regards,

Strobe Talbott

cc: Angus Thuermer